

Application No.: 10/705,965**Docket No.: 713-984****AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, beginning at line 21 as follows:

As shown in FIGS. 1 and 3, the radial flange 14 when in its released condition has, towards head 16, an upper surface of slightly convex arcuate shape and a lower surface of slightly concave arcuate shape. The shaft 12 is integral therewith at the radially inner side of the annular or radial flange 14 at 18 and extends downwardly. An outer surface portion 20 of the shaft 12, which extends downwards from the underside of the connecting portion 18, is of conical shape and of a gradually downwardly decreasing diameter. This surface portion 20 merges into a further conical surface portion 22 which is also of a downwardly decreasing outer diameter. The surface portions 20, 22 are ~~[[smoot]]~~smooth, and the diameter of the surface portion 22 everywhere is smaller than the diameter of a hole 24 in a sheet metal 26. The diameter of the surface portion 20 exceeds the diameter of the hole 24 at least in the upper area adjacent the flange 14.

Abstract:

Please replace the current Abstract with the following replacement/new Abstract